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PETITION TO ACCEPT PRIORITY CLAIM

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 37 U.S.C. 120 for the benefit of prior filed application serial number 09/032,676, filed February 27, 1998, now U.S. patent 6,183,693.

- (i) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2) to the prior filed application is being made by the attached amendment.
- (ii) Please charge the surcharge of \$1,330.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.
- (iii) The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2) and this date was unintentional.

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AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE PRIORITY CLAIM

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows: